

S. Robert Powell <srp18407@gmail.com>

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to Michele, Justin, Junior, Brian

September 6, 2021

Dear Colleagues:

Ninety-five percent of the grungy, water soaked (from the recent monsoons) carpet and pad in the Caboose have been removed, and I have opened both the east and west doors of the Caboose and the interior is drying out nicely.

There is a small section of carpet under the Caboose stove that I can not remove because I can't move/jack up the stove--which is very heavy. All of the removed carpet and pad pieces (except for a very large and heavy section of the carpet) are now in the dumpster. I dragged the large and very heavy section of carpet over to the dumpster, but it is too heavy for me to get into the dumpster.

I sent an email to Mike Bischak from Simpson (he is an engineer for the Reading and Blue Mountain Railroad) and asked him if he could advise us about getting the roof of the Caboose repaired/made waterproof. He suggested that we contact a local roofer.

I also know a Norfolk Southern engineer and I will contact him later on today and ask him if he can advise us on getting the roof of the Caboose repaired.

I haven't yet climbed up into the cupola of the Caboose, but it looks to me like the missing window on the Sixth Avenue side of the Caboose is still there, but it has slid out of place. Not sure yet about the missing cupola window on the City Hall side of the Caboose.

On with the show.

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Caboose in Carbondale



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to Jesse Gardner

September 6

Jesse:

The roof of D&H Caboose 35964 by the side of City Hall is not waterproof, and we need to get it repaired.

Given your railroad experience, maybe you can advise us on how to proceed. We want to do it right and not make any mistakes.

I wonder if there are any local roofers who have some experience in making waterproof the roof of a 20th-century wooden caboose?

Any advice or thoughts on how to proceed would be much appreciated.

Robert

On Mon, Sep 6, 2021 at 5:06 PM Brian Durkin <bdurkin@fcrsd.org> wrote:

I stopped by City Hall and took care of the rug. Also, if you'd like me to contact Joe Galati to secure the caboose with formal door knobs and locks, let me know.

Brian

S. Robert Powell <srp18407@gmail.com>

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to Brian, Michele, Justin, Junior

September 6, 2021

Brian:

Thanks for getting the rug into the dumpster.

Yes, by all means, contact Joe Galati about formal door knobs and locks. If he wants an in-person look at the doors, I can arrange to meet him at the Caboose (with the large step ladder that I have to get up and into the Caboose) at any time that works for him.

SRP

Michele

Mon,
Sep 6,
7:27 PM

to Brian, me, Justin, Junior

Thanks for all of your hard work boys

Mayor Justin Taylor

6:24 AM
(3 hours
ago)

to Michele, Brian, me, Junior

My apologies for not getting to the rug. I've just been buried with stuff lately... including 2 sick little ones and my truck being out of service.

I will check out the window situation(s) today - and try to secure them in some manner.

I believe I have a few pieces of plexiglass laying around somewhere that we can use in the interim - until a permanent solution is found. That will at least keep the water OUT.

Do we know what the status of the roof is ??

~ JT ~
